

## **ABSTRACT**

[0026] An instrument handle for storing of suture which can be easily accessed by a surgeon. The handle is provided with a cavity for housing sutures and needles. The cavity is accessed by opening a pivotable hatch. The suture is wrapped around a tie-down bar disposed on the inside of the pivotable hatch. If desired, a surgical needle may be attached to the suture and stored within a slot of the tie-down bar of the pivotable hatch.